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SENATORS PRESS 'WATCHDOG' ISSUE

Floor Debate Likely on Plan
to Expand C.I.A. Panel

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WASHINGTON, May 3 — A Senate debate appeared likely today on the question of expanding the "watchdog" committee that provides surveillance over the activities of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Knowledgeable Senate sources were pessimistic, however, about the prospect of rounding up enough votes to force an expansion of the watchdog group over its own objections.

It became known yesterday that Senator Richard B. Russell, Georgia Democrat who is the group's senior member, had rejected a proposal by the Foreign Relations Committee that three of its members be added to the "watchdogs."

Mr. Russell wrote Senator J. W. Fulbright, Arkansas Democrat who is chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee, to that effect.

Mr. Fulbright will probably bring up the matter in the next meeting of his committee, which is scheduled for next week. There was some doubt whether he had enough votes in the committee to take the proposal to the floor of the Senate with committee backing.

If the issue develops through formal action of the Foreign Relations Committee, it will insure floor debate.

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Moreover, it was suggested, a debate would be unlikely to change the situation. For one thing, the Senate is always reluctant to overrule one of its senior chairmen, and this would be particularly so in the case of the C.I.A. supervisory group, since its work is secret and many Senators are chary of tampering with "security matters."

Also, the present "watchdog" group is composed entirely of senior members of the Armed Services Committee, of which Mr. Russell is chairman, and of the appropriations Committee.

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Associated Press Wirephoto

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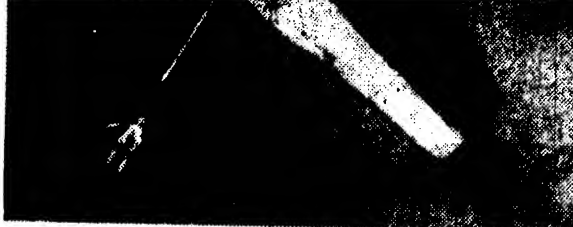
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These committees form a power center in the Senate, since virtually every Senator at one time or another needs the approval of one or both for military or civilian projects in his state.

Nevertheless, there appears to be in the Senate more open discontent about C.I.A. surveillance than usual. Foreign Relations Committee members complain, for instance, that when C.I.A. officials testify, even in executive session, they constantly invoke "security" and refuse to answer searching questions.

Some members of the Foreign Relations Committee, in particular, believe they need to know more about the effect of C.I.A. activities and about reports on foreign policy making within the Administration.

They also think that members whose particular concern is foreign policy, rather than defense policy, might exert a useful influence on the C.I.A. through



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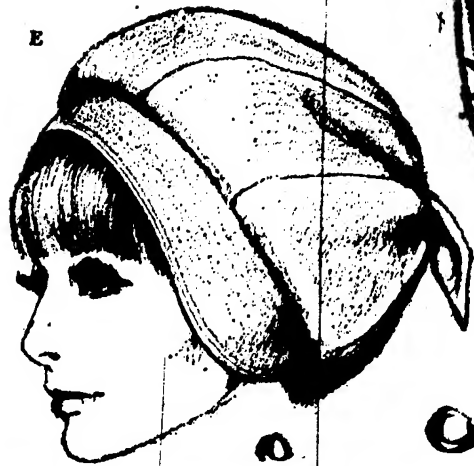
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